

## Title

## Halo Sulfonyl Aryl Boronates

## Cross-Reference to Related Applications

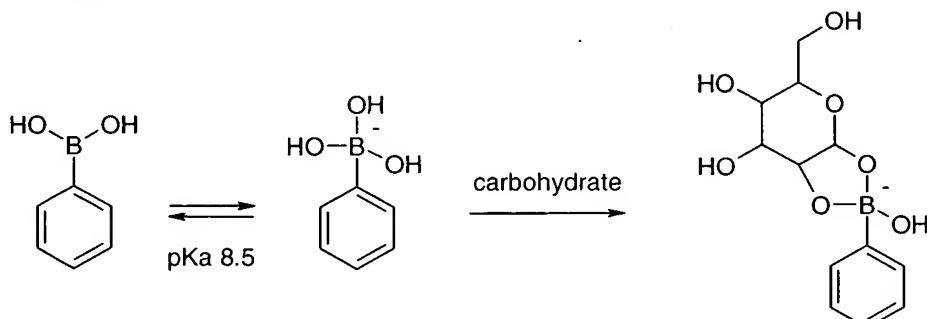
5 This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of Danish application no. PA  
 2002 01723 filed November 8, 2002 and U.S. application no. 60/425,579 filed November  
 12, 2002, the contents of each of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.

## Field of the invention

10 The present invention relates to halo sulfonyl aryl boronates, to their preparation  
 and to their use in organic synthesis.

## Background of the invention

Boronates, the anionic counterpart of boronic acids, are known to bind carbohydrates *via* reversible ester formation, with apparent displacement constants ( $K_d$ 's) of approximately 0.1-20 mM, which make them suitable for measuring glucose and other  
 15 carbohydrates in the physiologically relevant range (Shinkai and Takeuchi, Trends Anal. Chem. 1996, 15, 188). However, since simple phenylboronic acid displays a pKa value of approximately 8.5, the formation of phenylboronates of carbohydrates is unfavoured under physiological conditions (pH 7.4). Accordingly, the binding of carbohydrates to phenylboronic acid is weak under physiological conditions. A stronger binding of carbohydrates at pH values around 7.4 can be achieved with boronic acids having a lower  
 20 pKa, for example with phenyl boronic acids having electron-withdrawing groups in the aromatic ring (Eggert et al., J. Org. Chem. 1999, 64, 3846), or by introducing a 2-aminomethyl substituent, which locks boron in a tetrahedral state *via* B-N interaction (Bielecki, Eggert and Norrild, J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans 2 1999, 449).

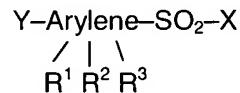


The sulfonyl functional group is strongly electron-withdrawing, and it can furthermore function as a handle, because e.g. sulfonate halides can be coupled to other molecules. However, although sulfonyl halides of aryl boronic acids would be useful intermediates in organic synthesis such compounds and methods for their preparation

5 have not been described in literature.

### Summary of the invention

In one aspect, the present invention relates to sulfonyl halides of the general formula (I)



Formula (I)

wherein Arylene designates a carbocyclic or heterocyclic, aromatic ring system comprising 15 1-3 rings;

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are, independently, hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halogen, nitro, cyano or phenyl;

X is fluoro, chloro or bromo; and

Y is a boroxine ring, or Y is a boronic acid group or an alkyl boronate group.

20 In one embodiment of the invention, Arylene designates a carbocyclic, monocyclic ring system, for example a benzene ring, to which R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>-X and Y are covalently bound.

In another embodiment, Arylene designates a carbocyclic, bicyclic ring system, for example naphthalene, to which R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>-X and Y are covalently bound.

25 In a further embodiment, Arylene designates a carbocyclic, tricyclic ring system, for example antracene, to which R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>-X and Y are covalently bound.

In a further embodiment, Arylene designates a heterocyclic, monocyclic ring system, for example pyridine or thiophene, to which R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>-X and Y are covalently bound.

30 In further embodiment, Arylene designates a heterocyclic, bicyclic ring system, for example quinoline, to which R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>-X and Y are covalently bound.

In further embodiment, Arylene designates a heterocyclic, tricyclic ring system, to which R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>-X and Y are covalently bound.

In a further embodiment of the invention, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are all hydrogen.

35 In a further embodiment, two of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are hydrogen while the third substituent is selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halogen, nitro,

cyano and phenyl. In one particular form of this embodiment, the non-hydrogen substituent is fluoro, in another particular form it is chloro and in a third particular form it is bromo.

5 In a further embodiment, one of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are hydrogen while the other two substituents are selected, independently, from the group consisting of C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, halogen, nitro, cyano and phenyl. In particular forms of this embodiment, the non-hydrogen substituents can, independently, be fluoro, chloro or bromo.

In a further embodiment of the invention, X is fluoro.

In a further embodiment, X is chloro.

10 In a further embodiment, X is bromo.

In a further embodiment of the invention, Y is a boroxine moiety attached via a bond from Arylene to one of the boron atoms of a boroxine ring which ring has a group of the formula —Arylene(R<sup>1</sup>)(R<sup>2</sup>)(R<sup>3</sup>)SO<sub>2</sub>X, wherein Arylene, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and X are as defined above, at each of the other two boron atoms of the boroxine ring as well.

15 In a further embodiment, Y is a boronic acid group, that is, a group of the formula -B(OH)<sub>2</sub>.

In a further embodiment, Y is a boronic acid ester group. In a particular form of this embodiment, the boronic acid ester is an ester derived from boronic acid and a diol. One particular example of this form is shown in formula (a) below.

20 Another particular example of this form is shown in formula (b) below in which R is methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, *tert*-butyl or phenyl.

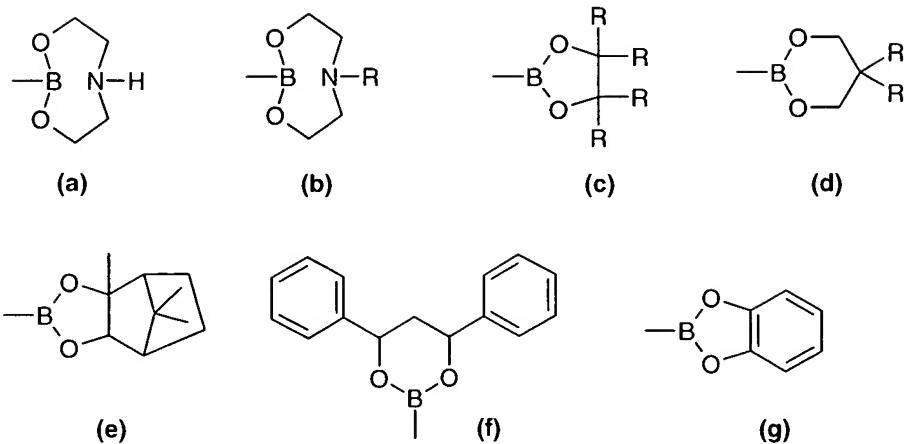
Another particular example of this form is shown in formula (c) below in which R is methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, *tert*-butyl or phenyl.

Another particular example of this form is shown in formula (d) below in which R is methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, *tert*-butyl or phenyl.

Another particular example of this form is shown in formula (e) below.

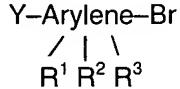
Another particular example of this form is shown in formula (f) below.

Another particular example of this form is shown in formula (g) below.



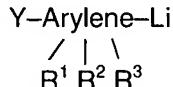
In another aspect, the present invention relates to a method for the preparation of the compounds of formula (I) as defined above. The method of preparation comprises the following steps:

a) reacting a compound of formula (II):



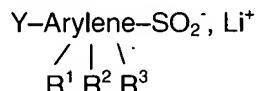
### Formula (II)

wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and Y are as defined above, in an inert solvent at a temperature below -75 °C with butyl lithium to form a lithiated intermediate of formula (III):



### Formula (III):

b) adding sulfur dioxide to the lithiated intermediate of formula (III) to form the corresponding lithium sulfinate of formula (IV):



Formula (IV); and

c) converting the lithium sulfinate of formula (IV) to the corresponding sulfonylchloride of formula (I) by treating the lithium sulfinate with an oxidizing chlorinating agent such as *N*-chlorosuccinimide (NCS) or 1,3-dichloro-5,5-dimethylhydantoin or to the correspond-

ing sulfonylbromide by treating the lithium sulfinate with an oxidizing brominating agent such as *N*-bromosuccinimide.

As an alternative to step b) and c), the lithiated intermediate of formula (III) can be sulfonylated with sulfur trioxide and then fluorinated with sulfur tetrafluoride or diethylamino 5 sulfur trifluoride to produce the corresponding sulfonylfluoride of formula (I), or the lithiated intermediate of formula (III) can be sulfonylated with sulfur trioxide and chlorinated with thionyl chloride, sulfonyl chloride, phosphortrichloride, phosphorpentachloride or phosphoroxychloride to produce the corresponding sulfonylchloride of formula (I).

In a further aspect, the present invention relates to the use of the compounds of 10 formula (I) as building blocks in organic chemistry. Thus, on reaction with ammonia, with primary amines or with secondary amines the compounds of formula (I) will form the corresponding amides.

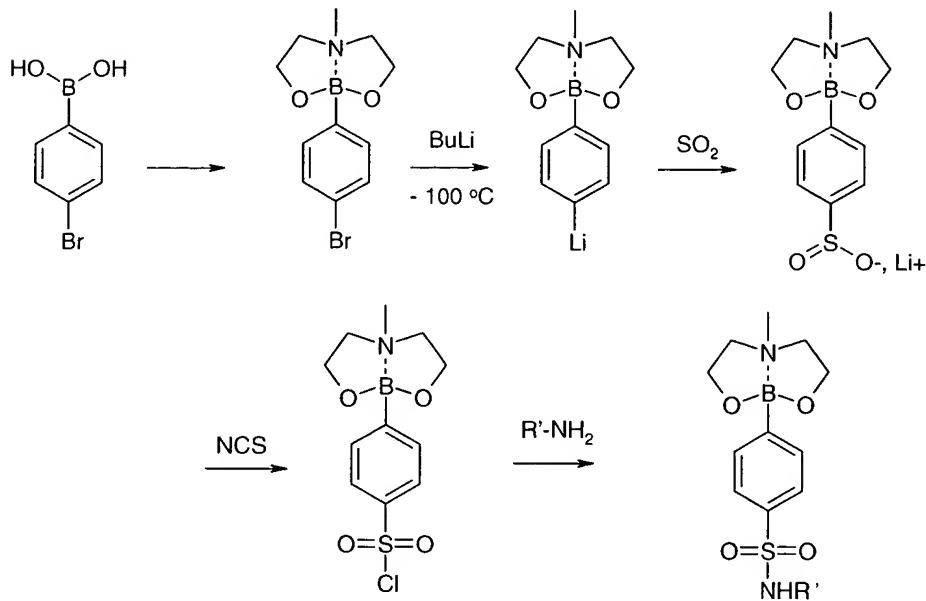
#### Detailed description of the Invention

15 In the preparation of the compounds of the invention, halo aryl boronic acids, preferable in the form of their *N*-methyl-diethanolamine esters, are dissolved in an inert solvent and cooled to low temperature, preferably -90 to -105 °C. Examples of suitable solvents for the reaction are tetrahydrofuran, diethylether, dioxane in mixture with a solvent having a low freezing point, diglyme, *tert*-butyl-methylether, di-*tert*-butylether, tetra-20 hydropyran, and mixtures thereof. When choosing the solvent or solvent mixture, the freezing point of the solvent or solvent mixture must be taken into consideration so that it does not freeze at the temperature at which the reaction is carried out.

25 While a temperature between -90 °C and -105 °C may be convenient in many cases it is of course possible to work at higher temperatures, for example -75 °C or even -60 °C and lower temperatures, for example -120 °C or -150 °C.

After butyl lithium in hexane has been added to the solution of the starting material, the resulting lithiated aryl is quenched by addition of sulfur dioxide to form the corresponding sulfinate or sulfur trioxide to form the corresponding sulfonate. The lithium sulfinate precipitates and is collected by filtration. The sulfinate is oxidized and halogenated, preferably in a simultaneous process by treatment with an *N*-chloro compound, 30 such as 1,3-dichloro-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, or by treatment with *N*-bromosuccinimide to form the sulfonylbromide of formula (I). Alternative halogenating agents are thionyl chloride, sulfonyl chloride, phosphortrichloride, phosphorpentachloride, phosphoroxychloride, sulfur tetrafluoride and diethylamino sulfur trifluoride which can be used to halogenate 35 the lithium sulfonates.

The halo sulfonyl phenyl boronates can be isolated by aqueous work-up, or used *in situ* for coupling to amines or other nucleophiles.



Sulfonylamide aryl boronates prepared by the described route are emendable to cross-coupling reactions (A. Suzuki, Journal of Organometallic Chemistry 1999, 576, 147) as exemplified by Suzuki coupling with formation of a biphenyl compound.

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## EXAMPLES

Acronyms used for chemicals, groups and commercially available chemicals:

15	DCI	Deuterium chloride
	CDCl <sub>3</sub>	Deuteriochloroform
	DMSO	Dimethylsulfoxide

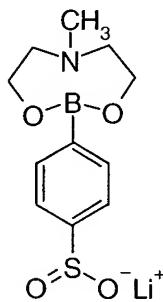
## General Methods and Materials

20 All reactions involving air-sensitive reagents were performed under nitrogen using syringe-septum cap techniques. The glassware was flame dried prior to use. MgSO<sub>4</sub> was used to dry solutions. Solvents were removed *in vacuo* by rotatory evaporation. Melting points were recorded on a Büchi 535 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX 400 or a Bruker DRX 300 instrument with

tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. All solvents and reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. Butyl lithium was titrated prior to use.

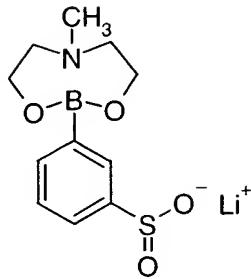
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**Example 1**Lithium 4-sulfinyl-phenylboronic acid *N*-methyl-diethanolamine ester

15 To a stirred solution of 4-bromobenzeneboronic acid *N*-methyldiethanolamine ester (6.62 g, 23.4 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (200 mL) was added drop-wise 1.43 M solution in hexanes of n-BuLi (14.8 mL, 21.0 mmol) over a 5-min period at -105 °C, using an ether-liquid nitrogen bath. The mixture was stirred at -105 °C for 15 min. Then, gaseous sulfur dioxide (ca. 7 g) was added causing an immediate precipitation and a roughly 40  
20 °C increase in the temperature of the reaction mixture. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The precipitated lithium sulfinate was isolated by filtration under N<sub>2</sub> (g), washed with tetrahydrofuran (100 mL) and dried *in vacuo* providing 5.74 g (99%) of the title compound as a solid: mp > 230 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.43 (d, 2H), 7.35 (d, 2H), 3.97-3.83 (m, 4H), 3.26-3.19 (m, 2H), 2.98-2.89 (m, 2H),  
25 2.17 (s, 3H).

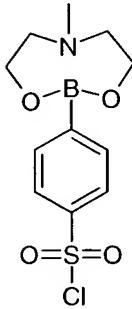
**Example 2**Lithium 3-sulfinyl-phenylboronic acid *N*-methyl-diethanolamine ester



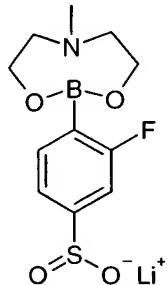
To a stirred solution of 3-bromobenzeneboronic acid *N*-methyldiethanolamine ester (3.31 g, 11.7 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (100 mL) was added drop-wise 1.43 M solution in hexanes of *n*-BuLi (7.4 mL, 10.5 mmol) over a 3-min period at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 15 min. Then, gaseous sulfur dioxide (ca. 5 g) was added causing an immediate precipitation and a roughly 40 °C increase in the temperature of the reaction mixture. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The precipitated lithium sulfinate was isolated by filtration under N<sub>2</sub> (g), washed with tetrahydrofuran (50 mL) and dried *in vacuo* providing 2.81 g (97%) of the title compound as a solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, 1H), 3.97-3.84 (m, 4H), 3.27-3.21 (m, 2H), 2.97-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H).

### Example 3

15 4-Chlorosulfonyl-phenylboronic acid *N*-methyl-diethanolamine ester



Lithium 4-sulfinyl-phenylboronic acid *N*-methyl-diethanolamine ester (138 mg, 0.5 mmol) was suspended in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL). *N*-Chlorosuccinimide (73 mg, 0.55 mmol) was added 20 and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The organic solution was washed three times with ice cold water and then dried and evaporated to give 80 mg (52%) of the title compound as colorless crystals: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.94 (d, 2H), 7.89 (d, 2H), 4.29-4.14 (m, 4H), 3.28 (ddd, 2H), 3.06 (ddd, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

**Example 4**Lithium 4-sulfinyl-2-fluorophenylboronic acid *N*-methyl-diethanolamine ester

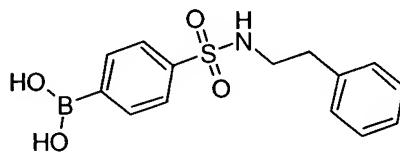
5 To a stirred solution of 4-bromo-2-fluorobenzeneboronic acid *N*-methyldiethanolamine ester (2.64 g, 8.74 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (80 mL) was added drop-wise 1.6 M solution in hexanes of n-BuLi (4.91 mL, 7.85 mmol) over a 2-min period at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 15 min. Then, gaseous sulfur dioxide (ca. 3 g) was added causing an immediate precipitation and a roughly 40 °C increase in the temperature of

10 the reaction mixture. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for 1 h. The precipitated lithium sulfinate was isolated by filtration under N<sub>2</sub> (g), washed with tetrahydrofuran (50 mL) and dried *in vacuo* providing 2.19 g (95%) of the title compound as a solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ7.50 (t, 1H), 7.14 (d, 1H), 7.02 (d, 1H), 3.93-3.81 (m, 4H), 3.28-3.22 (m, 2H), 3.04-2.97 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H).

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**Example 5**

4-Phenethylsulfamoylbenzeneboronic acid



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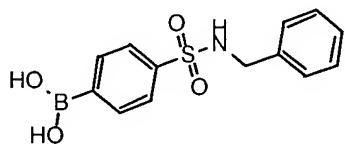
Lithium 4-sulfinyl-phenylboronic acid *N*-methyl-diethanolamine ester (275 mg, 1.0 mmol) was suspended in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL). *N*-Chlorosuccinimide (147 mg, 1.10 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. 2-Phenylethylamine (0.265 mL, 2.1 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature.

25 Then, Dowex 50WX2-400 cation exchange resin (about 1 g) was added and the mixture was stirred for further 1 h. The resin was removed by filtration and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (9:1). To the combined organic filtrates was added 1N NaOH and the aqueous phase was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The aqueous phase was acidified with 1N HCl

and the resulting crystals were isolated by filtration to give 154 mg (50%) of the title compound:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ +DCl):  $\delta$  7.95 (d, 2H), 7.75 (d, 2H), 7.29-7.13 (m, 5H), 2.94 (t, 2H), 2.67 (t, 2H).

## 5 Example 6

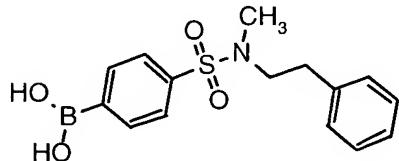
4-Benzylsulfamoylbenzeneboronic acid



10 Lithium 4-sulfinyl-phenylboronic acid *N*-methyl-diethanolamine ester (275 mg, 1.0 mmol) was suspended in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2 mL). *N*-Chlorosuccinimide (147 mg, 1.10 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Benzylamine (0.23 mL, 2.1 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Then, Dowex 50WX2-400 cation exchange resin (about 1 g) was added and the 15 mixture was stirred for further 1 h. The resin was removed by filtration and extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ :MeOH (9:1). To the combined organic filtrates was added 1N NaOH and the aqueous phase was washed with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The aqueous phase was acidified with 1N HCl and the resulting crystals were isolated by filtration to give 163 mg (56%) of the title compound:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ +DCl):  $\delta$  7.95 (d, 2H), 7.78 (d, 2H), 7.32-7.19 (m, 5H), 20 3.97 (s, 2H).

## Example 7

4-(Methylphenethylsulfamoyl)benzeneboronic acid



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Lithium 4-sulfinyl-phenylboronic acid *N*-methyl-diethanolamine ester (275 mg, 1.0 mmol) was suspended in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2 mL). *N*-Chlorosuccinimide (147 mg, 1.10 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Methylphenylethylamine (0.305 mL, 2.1 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Then, Dowex 50WX2-400 cation exchange resin (about 1 g) was added and the

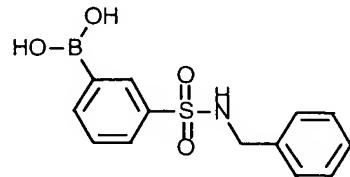
mixture was stirred for further 1 h. The resin was removed by filtration and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (9:1). To the combined organic filtrates was added 1N NaOH and the aqueous phase was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The aqueous phase was acidified with 1N HCl and the resulting crystals were isolated by filtration to give 196 mg (61%) of the title

5 compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>+DCI):  $\delta$  7.99 (d, 2H), 7.71 (d, 2H), 7.32-7.19 (m, 5H), 3.19 (t, 2H), 2.77 (t, 2H), 2.69 (s, 3H).

#### Example 8

3-Benzylsulfamoylbenzeneboronic acid

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Lithium 3-sulfinyl-phenylboronic acid *N*-methyl-diethanolamine ester (275 mg, 1.0 mmol) was suspended in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL). *N*-Chlorosuccinimide (147 mg, 1.10 mmol) was added

15 and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Benzylamine (0.23 mL, 2.1 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature.

Then, Dowex 50WX2-400 cation exchange resin (about 1 g) was added and the mixture was stirred for further 1 h. The resin was removed by filtration and extracted with

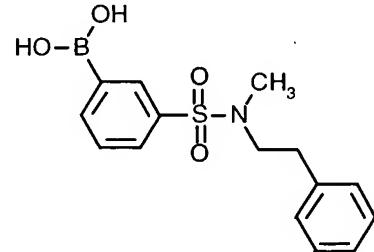
CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (9:1). To the combined organic filtrates was added 1N NaOH and the

20 aqueous phase was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The aqueous phase was acidified with 1N HCl and the resulting crystals were isolated by filtration to give 107 mg (37%) of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>+DCI):  $\delta$  8.24 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, 1H), 7.85 (dt, 1H), 7.56 (t, 1H), 7.31-7.21 (m, 5H), 3.96 (s, 2H).

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#### Example 9

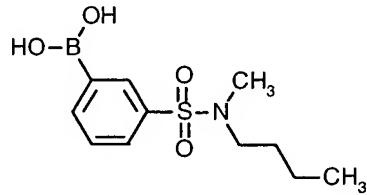
3-(Methylphenethylsulfamoyl)benzeneboronic acid



Lithium 3-sulfinyl-phenylboronic acid *N*-methyl-diethanolamine ester (225 mg, 0.82 mmol) was suspended in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL). *N*-Chlorosuccinimide (131 mg, 0.98 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Methylphenylethylamine (0.24 mL, 1.65 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room 5 temperature. Then, Dowex 50WX2-400 cation exchange resin (about 1 g) was added and the mixture was stirred for further 1 h. The resin was removed by filtration and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (9:1). To the combined organic filtrates was added 1N NaOH and the aqueous phase was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and then acidified with 1N HCl. The 10 aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (9:1), dried and then evaporated to give 180 mg (69%) of the title compound as an oil which slowly crystallised: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>+DCI):  $\delta$  8.17 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, 1H), 7.78 (d, 1H), 7.60 (t, 1H), 7.33-7.19 (m, 5H), 3.18 (t, 2H), 2.77 (t, 2H), 2.69 (s, 3H).

**Example 10**

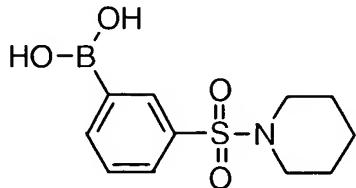
15 3-(Butylmethylsulfamoyl)benzeneboronic acid



Lithium 3-sulfinyl-phenylboronic acid *N*-methyl-diethanolamine ester (225 mg, 0.82 20 mmol) was suspended in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL). *N*-Chlorosuccinimide (131 mg, 0.98 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. *N*-Methylbutylamine (0.19 mL, 1.62 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room 25 temperature. Then, Dowex 50WX2-400 cation exchange resin (about 1 g) was added and the mixture was stirred for further 1 h. The resin was removed by filtration and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (9:1). The combined organic filtrates were evaporated, 1N NaOH was added and the aqueous phase was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and then acidified with 1N HCl. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (9:1), the extract was dried and then solvent was evaporated to leave 151 mg (68%) of the title compound as an oil which slowly crystallised: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>+DCI):  $\delta$  8.16 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, 1H), 7.79 (d, 1H), 7.61 (t, 1H), 2.92 (t, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 1.43 (p, 2H), 1.27 (sextet, 2H), 0.87 (t, 3H).

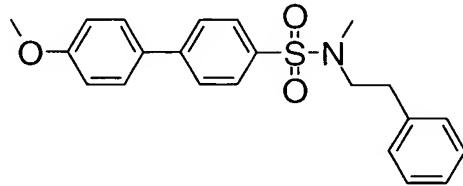
**Example 11**

## 3-(Piperidine-1-sulfonyl)benzeneboronic acid



5      Lithium 3-sulfinyl-phenylboronic acid *N*-methyl-diethanolamine ester (225 mg, 0.82 mmol) was suspended in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL). *N*-Chlorosuccinimide (131 mg, 0.98 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Piperidine (0.17 mL, 1.72 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Then, Dowex 50WX2-400 cation exchange resin (about 1 g) was added and the mixture 10     was stirred for further 1 h. The resin was removed by filtration and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (9:1). The combined organic filtrates were evaporated added 1N NaOH and the aqueous phase was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and then acidified with 1N HCl. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH (9:1), dried and then evaporated to give 167 mg (76%) of the title compound as an oil which slowly crystallised: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>+DCl):  $\delta$  8.12 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, 1H), 7.72 (d, 1H), 7.63 (t, 1H), 2.86 (t, 4H), 1.57 (p, 4H), 1.35 (bs, 2H).

## Example 12

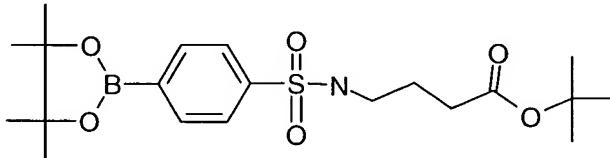


20     3-(Butylmethylsulfamoyl)benzeneboronic acid (100 mg, 0.313 mmol), KF (60 mg, 1.03 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dibenzylidineacetone)<sub>3</sub> (9 mg, 0.01 mmol) and Pd(P(*t*-Bu)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (10 mg, 0.02 mmol) were added to a Schlenk tube under nitrogen. The Schlenk tube was evacuated and refilled with nitrogen five times. Next, 4-bromoanisole (64 mg, 0.34 mmol) in tetrahydro-25     furan (2 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h, quenched with aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, dried and evaporated. Flash chromatography (ethylacetate-heptane 1:4) produced 105 mg (88%) of the title compound as light yellow crystals: mp 97.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.77 (d, 2H), 7.64 (d, 2H), 7.52 (d, 2H), 7.38 (t, 2H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 3H), 6.98 (d, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.28 (t, 2H),

2.87 (t, 2H), 2.78 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  159.95, 144.87, 138.19, 135.44, 131.46, 128.71, 128.49, 128.29, 127.74, 126.92, 126.47, 114.40, 55.27, 51.73, 35.09, 34.74.

**Example 13**

5 *tert*-Butyl 4-amino-*N*-(4-pinacolboronophenylsulfonyl))butyrate

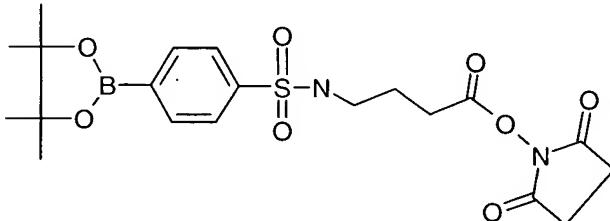


To a suspension of lithium 4-sulfinyl-phenylboronic acid *N*-methyl-diethanolamine ester (0.55 g, 2 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 ml) *N*-chlorosuccinimide (0.3 g, 2.2 mmol) was 10 added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. Then, *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.23 g, 2.2 mmol) and 4-aminobutyric acid *tert*-butyl ester hydrochloride (0.43 g, 2.2 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for another 1 hour. The organic phase was washed with 1 N hydrochloric acid solution followed by water and dried over sodium sulfate. The organic phase was filtered 15 and pinacole (0.26 g, 2.2 mmole) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, and the organic phase was washed twice with water, dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated. The title compound was isolated as oil in 508 mg, 60 % yield

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 1.36 (s, 12 H) 1.42 (s, 9 H) 1.75 (q,  $J=6.78$  Hz, 2 H) 2.25 (t,  $J=6.97$  Hz, 2 H) 2.99 (q,  $J=6.66$  Hz, 2 H) 4.71 (t,  $J=6.03$  Hz, 1 H) 7.83 (d,  $J=8.29$  Hz, 2 H) 7.93 (d, 2 H).

**Example 14**

Succinimidyl *N*-(4-pinacolborono-phenylsulfonyl)-4-amino-butyrate



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*tert*-Butyl 4-amino-*N*-(4-pinacolboronophenylsulfonyl))butyrate (360 mg, 0.90 mmol) was dissolved in trifluoroacetic acid (8 ml) with cooling to 0 °C. The reaction mixture was

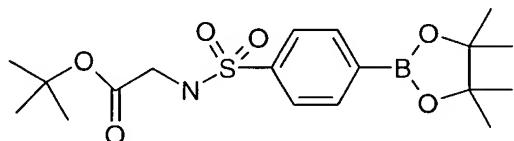
slowly heated to room temperature and stirred at this temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was evaporated and the crude material was triturated with toluene. The crystalline material was filtered, dried and dissolved in dry dichloromethane. *N*-

5 hydroxysuccinimide (104 mg, 0.9 mmol) and *N,N'*-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (185 mg, 0.9 mmole) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered and evaporated. The crude material was redissolved in ether and filtered to remove *N,N'*-dicyclohexylurea. The ether solution was evaporated to give the title compound in 470 mg, 87 % yield.

10  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  ppm 1.35 (s, 12 H) 1.95 (m, 2 H) 2.68 (t, 2 H) 2.84 (br. s., 4 H) 3.08 (m, 2 H) 4.91 (t, 1 H) 7.84 (d,  $J=8.67$  Hz, 2 H) 7.94 (d, 2 H).

### Example 15

*tert*-Butyl *N*-(4-pinylboronophenylsulfonyl))glycinate



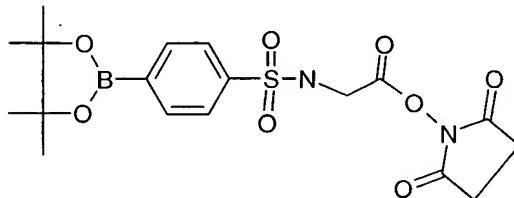
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The title compound was prepared by the same procedure as described in Example 13 starting from lithium 4-sulfinyl-phenylboronic acid *N*-methyl-diethanolamine ester and *tert*-butyl glycinate hydrochloride. Yield 55 %.

10  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  ppm 1.34 (s, 21 H) 3.66 (d,  $J=5.65$  Hz, 2 H) 5.02 (t,  $J=5.28$  Hz, 1 H) 7.84 (d,  $J=8.67$  Hz, 2 H) 7.94 (d, 2 H)

### Example 16

Succinimidyl *N*-(4-pinylboronophenylsulfonyl))glycinate



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The title compound was prepared by the procedure described in Example 15, starting from *tert*-butyl *N*-(4-pinylboronophenylsulfonyl))glycinate. Yield 72 %

10  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  ppm 1.36 (s, 12 H) 2.81 (s, broad, 4 H) 4.19 (d,  $J=6.03$  Hz, 2 H) 5.18 (t, 1 H) 7.85 (d,  $J=8.29$  Hz, 2 H) 7.95 (d, 2 H)